

REMARKS

Claims 3-12 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The office action alleges that the drawings fail to show the claimed exhaust chamber that comprises a plurality of exhaust ports which are disposed in vertical stages for connection to the exhaust means. The examiner's attention is drawn to Fig. 8 which includes reference number 55a at the lower right-hand side. As stated in the specification at paragraph [0080], reference number 55a designates "vertically disposed exhaust ports" of the exhaust chamber 55. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the above feature is properly shown in the drawings. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Guibert (U.S. Pat. No. 4,307,286). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant cancels claim 1. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER


The Examiner states that claims 2-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant amends claims 3, 5, and 6 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 3-12 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 2 is cancelled.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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